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Government invests in Old Crow community and recreation centre

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is contributing \$2.7 million to support the construction of a new community and recreation centre in Old Crow.

"When completed, this building will serve as a focal point for community activities," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "It will create economic opportunities and provide a multitude of services that will improve the quality of life for the residents of Old Crow."

Vuntut Gwitchin Chief Joe Linklater said: "This multi-year project is able to move forward thanks to the cooperation of many levels of government working together to build stronger, healthier communities. I'm pleased that the people of Old Crow will benefit in so many ways from this new infrastructure."

The complex will replace a number of aging facilities and will provide a range of recreational and social spaces, including a daycare and facilities for youth and Elders. The centre will also become home to the newly established community radio station.

"The concept of this facility was born through years of community collaboration and volunteerism and I thank my constituents for their direction and involvement in making it happen," Vuntut Gwitchin MLA Darius Elias said. "This facility will strengthen the fabric of our community and it's a great example of Yukon government partnering with First Nations to benefit Yukoners."

The project is being funded by the Yukon and the Vuntut Gwitchin governments, and is subject to legislative approval.

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